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SUBJECT: PAROLE PROGRAM FOR CUBAN REFUGEES

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1. ICEM BUDGET AND PROGRAM FOR 1974 PRESENTLY COVERS 8600 CUBAN REFUGEE MOVEMENTS FROM SPAIN TO UNITED STATES UNDER ICEM/VOLAG REVOLVING FUND ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AS RESULT EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM FOR CUBAN REFUGEES IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT CUBAN REFUGEE MOVEMENTS IN 1974 WILL TOTAL 20,000, THUS FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONAL 11,400 MOVEMENTS. ICEM INFORMS THAT \$1,600,000 WILL BE REQUIRED TO COVER PER CAPITA GRANTS, SERVICE FEES TO VOLAGS, ETC., FOR THE ADDITIONAL 11,400.

3. AGAINST THIS REQUIREMENT THERE IS AMOUNT OF \$255,000 IN US SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 1 OF ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE. ADDITIONALLY ICEM ESTIMATES THAT \$250,000 WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ICEM FROM FUND-RAISING EFFORT OF SPANISH INTERNATIONAL NETWORK IN USA. LATTER FUNDS, IF RECEIVED, WILL BE USED TO COVER TRANSPORTATION OF CUBAN

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REFUGEES OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE AND CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS.

4. APART SOURCES MENTIONED PARA 3 ABOVE, ICEM ESTIMATES THAT APPROX. \$1.1 MILLION IN NEW MONEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE MOVEMENT 20,000 CUBAN REFUGEES IN CY-1974.

5. MISSION INTENDS DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH ICEM DIRECTOR DURING NEXT FEW DAYS WITH VIEW HAVING MATTER GIVEN NECESSARY CONSIDERATION AT UPCOMING MEETINGS ICEM SCBF, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

6. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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